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New Film Used To Create Bias Against Labor

WASHINGTON — Employers throughout the country will shortly be asking workers to see a film titled "Crossroads for America" put out by the Research Institute of America and which is labeled "stink-eroo" by labor critics. The film was planned as the employer answer to such successful labor pics as "Deadline for Action."

The Crossroads picture takes a typical worker, Dave Nelson, and shows him talking into supporting a strike by a sinister guy with a bald pate and eyes distorted by thick glasses. This character, the film explains, is the town "Communist" agitator. Through following Dave's story we are supposed to come to these conclusions:

1. All strikes are part of Communist plotting.
2. The union member who holds out against management offers to compromise is probably a "red." Be a good fellow, and settle.
3. Most of American industry is owned by little people like you and me, and corporation owners are not making much profit these days. Only Communists talk about monopolies and high profits.

DISTORTS FACTS
The film attempts to put across outright distortions of fact. It pictures hours being reduced and wages being raised over recent years through the kindness of management, or just automatically. Nowhere is the unions' role in winning these gains mentioned. Above all, it preaches that anyone who says unkind words about big biz is a Communist and should be given the bum's rush.

Watch for this film, which your employer can buy from the Research Institute for \$110, to show to you. It really smells. And look out for them to try to peddle it around the churches, schools and lodges in your town.

Price Controls Not Police State Stuff, Says Senator Pepper

WASHINGTON — Sen. Claude Pepper (D., Fla.) took exception to Pres. Truman's press conference statement that price ceilings and consumer rationing are police state methods of controlling food costs and distribution.

Controls are needed at once to assure low income groups enough food and other essentials while prices are high, Pepper said. "That is democracy, not a police state," he added.

Press reaction to the Truman phrase was mixed, with one wire service devoting considerable space to his denunciation of controls as police state methods. Another wire service almost completely disregarded the affair, which took up a half dozen questions and answers at the press conference and furnished headlines for several New York and Washington papers.

Garage Workers In Bay Region Highest Paid

SAN FRANCISCO—Garage mechanics in San Francisco and Bay Area cities were among the highest paid in major U.S. cities last July. A Bureau of Labor Statistics report released here by William A. Bledsoe, regional director, shows class A automotive mechanics in auto repair shops the area at an average straight time rate of \$1.81 per hour. This figure was exceeded only in Detroit, Cleveland and Los Angeles, where class A mechanics average \$2.05, \$1.89 and \$1.87 respectively.

Vision of 3 Presidents

I vision a people living in comfort on the fruits of their industry.
—THOMAS JEFFERSON.
To secure to each laborer the whole product of his labor, or as nearly as possible, is a worthy object of any good government.
—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.
They (the people) want assurance against the evils of all major economic hazards—assurance that will extend from the cradle to the grave. This great Government can and must provide this assurance.
—FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

Taylor Gets Set For Tour to Hit Foreign Policies

LOS ANGELES—Sen. Glen H. Taylor (D., Ida.) intends to make a Paul Revere ride across the U.S. to warn the people that war is coming unless present American foreign policy is changed.

Taylor's peace mission, however, depends on whether he can get a horse. He has inserted classified ads in local newspapers: "Wanted: To borrow, rent, or buy, three good saddle horses for cross-country ride in behalf of world peace." The senator decided to take his message directly to the people after a speaking tour of Idaho and Oregon convinced him that they were being flooded with misinformation about the possibilities of peace with Russia. In his home state tour Taylor charged that the get-tough-with-Russia policy was being dictated by Wall Street and attacked U.S. bi-partisan foreign policy.

"I favor giving the present policy to the Republicans," he told his audiences, "and getting a new one for the Democrats."

BOSSSES USING NEW ACT TO BAIT LABOR

WASHINGTON.—The NLRB has received more cases charging unions with unfair labor practices under the Taft-Hartley act than under-sponsored cases accusing employers, an NLRB summary of its activities under the new law revealed.

Covering the period from Aug. 22, when all parts of the act went into effect, through Sept. 30, the report showed there were 42 cases directed against unions filed by employers and employer associations and 30 filed by independent unions—a total of 72. AFL and CIO unions brought no cases of this type. The secondary boycott was charged in 25 cases, and jurisdictional disputes in five others.

Cases against employers during the period amounted to 335 in all, but only 30 of them were brought by unions. The remainder were brought against bosses by individual workers. Independent unions filed 15 of the NLRB cases, AFL affiliates started 11, and four were brought by CIO unions.

Altogether, 63 national and international unions had filed so-called non-Communist affidavits, asserting the loyalty of their officials to the U.S. government. AFL filing unions numbered 44, CIO accounted for five and the other 14 were listed as independent. The NLRB in this class misleadingly lumps together the mighty Intl. Assn. of Machinists and the newer Communications Workers of America (both unaffiliated) with "independent" outfits with a distinct company aroma.

The NLRB said that 3,449 cases filed under the old Wagner act were still pending on Sept. 30. Gen. Counsel Robert N. Denham has already stated he will throw out cases of all unions not filing non-Communist and other data under the Taft-Hartley law. All remaining cases will be decided on the basis of the new law, he has said, with no regard to the date when they were filed.

Grain Allocations Favor Germany Over Other Hungry Lands

WASHINGTON.—As Pres. Truman's campaign to save grain in the U.S. for his foreign program was capped by a 60-day halt in whiskey distilling, a check of Agriculture Dept. records showed that 1947 grain allocations from this country were strongly favoring Germany over other hungry lands.

Allocations through November 1947, which closely parallel actual shipments, show that Germany is getting almost a quarter of American grain exports this year, receiving nearly 3.3 million long tons of a 13.2 million total for more than a dozen countries. This amount covers both U.S. and British zones.

Japan and the American zone of Korea get 1.5 million long tons, the U.S. zone of Austria 404,000, and Italy gets 774,500. France, a former ally, gets 771,000 long tons this year.

False Charge About Communism Libelous

ALBANY, N.Y.—In a unanimous ruling, the New York Court of Appeals held that a false charge branding a person a Communist or Communist sympathizer is grounds for libel action in the courts.

Laundry Union Meets Employers For Negotiations

Officials of Laundry Workers Union 258 of Salinas met with representatives of the Salinas Laundry industry last week in an effort to come to terms on a new contract covering workers, Representative John W. Deer of the union reports.

Assisting in negotiations, through the Salinas Citizens Association, was the Negotiating Committee of the Central Labor Council, Deer said.

This council committee includes Al Harris, business agent of Teamsters 890; George Harter, business agent of Carpenters 925, and E. L. Courtright, business agent of Butchers 506.

Culinary 467 To Nominate Again on Wed.

With the first nomination meeting a success, Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas looked forward to the second nominations at a meeting on Wednesday of this week (October 29), Secretary Bertha Boles of the union announced. The meeting will be at the Labor Temple at 8:30 p.m.

International Representative C. T. McDonough is conducting the elections for Local 467, the first elections in several years that the union has been under international trusteeship. Mrs. Boles emphasized, however, that the union has not been in receivership—the charter of the union has never been out of the meeting hall.

First nominations were accepted at a meeting last week and elections will be at the union's headquarters all day (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.) on Wednesday, November 5. First nominations were:

For President: Cecil Hauntz, Vern Tansey and Loris Benchley.
For Vice-President: Tina Moore.
For Secretary-Treasurer: Bertha Boles and Norman Pederson.
For Executive Board (3 members): Ann Hunt, Myrtice Jones, Maxine Harmon and Al Meek.
For Recording Secretary: Ruby Johnson and Gertrude McGrane.
For Local Joint Executive Board (1 member): Tony Deihl, Ruth Ryan and Lucille Bright.
For Trustees (3): Gertrude McGrane, Mary Manning and Dora Anderson.
For Delegate to Labor Council (1): Gertrude McGrane.

Building Trades Moving Offices To Bartender Hall

Negotiations were under way last week for the moving of offices of the Monterey Building Trades Council into the headquarters of Bartenders Union 483 at 815 Alvarado St., Monterey, as soon as construction of new office space can be arranged, reported George L. Rice, secretary of Local 483.

Rice said that the Building Trades Council and Carpenters Union 1323 would be located in offices at the rear of the hall. Local 483 and Teamsters 890 will continue to occupy offices in the front of the building.

Arrangements have been made for unions to continue to occupy space in the hall, with necessary improvements to be made to bring the building under provisions of fire safety laws and thus bring about cancellation of the "fire trap" eviction order issued by the city, he added.

For further details read "Local 483 Reports" column elsewhere in this paper.

At 1947 Prices, You Don't Want a Cheese Box for a Domicile

WASHINGTON.—If you are building a new house make sure the walls won't collapse under the weight of grampa's picture or let out all your heat in winter.

That's the advice offered by the new federal Housing & Home Finance Agency in a booklet entitled Performance Standards, for the use of American home owners and builders. Outlining structural and insulation requirements for all building materials, the booklet proposes standards that should be met for safety, economy and comfort. Copies of Performance Standards can be obtained from the HFFA, Washington 25, DC.

SALINAS LABOR COUNCIL COLUMN

Plans are being made now by the Central Labor Council at Salinas to gather all necessary material in regard to the recent fight card presented to help raise funds for the children's Christmas Party in Salinas.

The committee arranging the party will meet shortly to consider all phases of the Christmas Party, which is scheduled for December 21. A gala affair is planned at the Christmas Party, with professional vaudeville attractions from Oakland taking a big part.

Money for the program sales and pledges for the party are not all received, however, and it is important that all pledges and moneys outstanding be received at once.

As soon as this money is received, it can be allocated to purchase the many items (candy, toys, etc.) which must be purchased for the party.

On behalf of the Central Labor Council, the Christmas Party Committee wishes to thank all donors of money, gifts, etc., for the recent boxing card, as well as all those who purchased tickets, for making the program the success that it was.

There is a discussion of possibility of another fight card being sponsored by the council during November to raise additional funds for the Christmas Party, due to the success of the fight card just presented.

REMEMBER: Get your money in at once. Watch the Labor Council Column for further developments for information.

AGENT BREAKFASTS
Effective Wednesday, October 29, all business agents and secretaries will meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. every Wednesday at the Jeffrey Hotel in order that they may coordinate their work for the week. Whether matters discussed pertain to union work or any subject dealing with political questions, it is hoped that progress will come out of such discussions.

Canners Hold Annual Ballot On Wednesday

Annual elections of Fish Cannery Workers Union of Monterey will be held on Wednesday of this week, with a quiet election expected, union officials announced.

Most incumbents have no opposition in the balloting, it was reported, and with the fish canning season unusually poor, only routine balloting was expected. Polls are at the Labor Temple, Hoffman and Lighthouse Ave., in New Monterey.

Trucking of sardines to Monterey canneries is being attempted again with better icing and improved schedules.

Possibility that the U.S. Navy will allow fishing boats to land sardines at Port Hueneme, which would make a shorter haul to Monterey, was seen this week. Negotiations are under way.

Lucky Stores Sign Contract For Fountain

The fountain and lunch counter of the new Lucky Stores unit, located in the South Main Street development, will be opened this week-end (about November 1) as a fully union enterprise, reports Secretary Bertha Boles of Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas.

Mrs. Boles said the operators of the new fountain had signed a union agreement with Local 467. She added that an "open house" for union officials and prominent Salinas business leaders was planned by the new enterprise prior to the public opening, although time had not been set.

Rice, Robinson Attend Political Meet in Obispo

George Rice, secretary of Cooks & Waiters and Bartenders 483 of Monterey, and Roland Robinson, secretary of Butchers 506 of Monterey, were to attend last Sunday's political meeting in San Luis Obispo.

Both were named by the Central Labor Council of the Monterey Peninsula to represent this body at the gathering, which was designed to consider congressional and legislative elections.

CHILE MINERS CHARGE U.S. INTERFERENCE

NEW YORK—Chilean coal miners, 18,000 of whom are now on strike, average less than \$1 a day for eight hours of work plus two hours walking time from their work station, Salvador Ocampo, mine union leader and member of the Chilean Senate, revealed in a letter to American labor leaders. Ocampo, visiting the U.S., said the letter was prompted because "the news reports published here are distorted by the government censorship in my country."

Striking miners, Ocampo said, followed to the letter the Chilean labor law which requires that unions present bargaining proposals before the date of contract expiration, that conciliation follow if no direct agreement is reached and that there be a cooling-off period before a projected strike.

The miners struck, he said, only after every means of settlement had been exhausted. The government, bowing to company pressure, the senator said, mobilized the army, navy and air force against the strikers.

"While Chile has developed some industries, most of them, including the mines, are under the control of U.S. firms and the wages are very low," Ocampo said.

"These U.S. firms are drastically intervening in the political and economic life of my country. While the Chilean people are generally progressive in their thinking, the alliance between U.S. imperialism and the native oligarchy is forcing our government to bow to reaction on every issue."

Budding Sky-Pilots Hoodwinked by Fake College, Says FTC

WASHINGTON—Gyp artists willing to hoodwink earnest young folk preparing for the ministry were turned up by the Federal Trade Commission as that agency charged Mt. Vernon University, Inc. here with being almost a complete phony.

Mt. Vernon also operated under the name of Christ College and Christ Seminary, FTC maintained, and advertised itself as a school of higher learning. Actually, said FTC, the school "has none of the facilities, equipment and faculty described in the advertisements and is not equipped to teach the numerous subjects offered in its catalog."

Most of the alphabet soup following the names of its phony instructors, it turns out, stand for degrees from the accused school or other such outfits. But the school will mail you a good-looking sheepskin, for a price.

Miners Compel Britain to Pay Overtime Rate

LONDON—Unable to compel miners to return to 44 hours a week without overtime pay, the British government agreed to pay overtime after 37½ hours and to allow miners the choice of spreading their extra hours over the week or working Saturdays. The move was interpreted as a rebuff to U.S. officials, who had made plain that they would not consider England was making an all-out effort toward recovery unless the government forced workers to accept longer hours without compensation. The miners agreed to put forward their best production efforts but insisted that recovery must not be based on exploitation.

Japanese Will Form Council To Aid Sports

TOKYO—Unions in this city have formed a council to promote sports, which are popular among workers despite a shortage of facilities. The council will campaign for playgrounds and equipment for the use of union members. Recently the railway workers' union and 41 other unions organized a council to popularize dancing, which before the war was a pastime enjoyed almost exclusively by the well-to-do. Now a number of unions have their own dance bands and many hold dances weekly or twice a month.

AFL Launching Drive To Organize M. V. A.

SAN FRANCISCO—The AFL launched an organizing drive here to bring workers on the Missouri Valley Authority into the Federation and make the huge project a "100 per cent union job."

Destruction of German Cartels Said Postponed

BOSTON—The question of destroying the German cartel system "has been placed on ice for five years" by American policy-makers, a U.S. spokesman said here. He was Thomas C. Blaisdell, assistant to the Secretary of Commerce for international trade, who told a Harvard Law School forum that he was summarizing government policy.

Asked by a student if anything was being done to replace the German cartel system, he replied: "No definite plan has been formulated. The matter has been placed on ice for five years, and then the entire situation will be reviewed in the light of world events." His forum opponent, Bernard Bernstein, former finance director of the U.S. Group Control Commission for Germany, charged that America's current program "does not assure adequate protection against future German aggression," nor meet the needs of our allies, nor "strengthen our position in the current struggle with the Russian bloc."

UNITY IN OREGON LICKS SALES TAX

CHICAGO—A united front of organized labor, farmers and liberal groups in Oregon was given credit for the overwhelming defeat of a proposed state sales tax in Oregon. In a special election, the votes of some rural counties where labor and farm groups worked actively together ran more than four-to-one against the measure.

In other states, however, Republican machines backed by big business were planning campaigns for enactment of this nuisance and discriminatory legislation. In Washington, D.C., two of the three District of Columbia commissioners who govern the city announced in favor of a 2 per cent sales tax.

This move in the nation's capital came as a shock to Washingtonians because of widespread dissatisfaction with a sales tax experiment in the adjoining state of Maryland. Less than a year old, the Maryland 2 per cent sales levy has irritated not only labor but other sections of the population so thoroughly that a widespread movement is now under way to have it repealed by popular vote in the 1948 elections.

Not only in the various states but also in scores of cities, a survey showed, labor has been put on guard against such proposals, which sometimes take the form of a tax on a specific item, such as tobacco.

Shipbuilders Start Co-operative by a Pay Deduction Plan

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—The first cooperative to be financed by a payroll deduction plan has been formed in Newport News by members of the Peninsula Shipbuilders Assn. (unaffiliated). In the first three weeks after the plan was announced, 1382 union members had signed checkoff authorization cards for monthly contributions to the Shipbuilders Cooperative, Inc.

Plans for the co-op include two food stores, a work clothing store, an appliance store and other services. In addition to the payroll deduction plan, with which the company complied at the request of the cooperative, there is an independent drive for capital from non-unionists which has brought the total co-op membership to 3305.

Typos' Refusal to Sign Contract Said Lawful Under Act

NEW YORK CITY—The Intl. Typographical Union's policy of refusing to sign contracts under the Taft-Hartley law was held legal by Rowland Watts, secretary of the Workers Defense League's committee to aid local unions under the Taft-Hartley law.

In offering the league's legal aid to Samuel Katz, secretary of Local 915, ITU, Watts wrote: "We believe that the position taken by the ITU in establishing shop conditions independent of contract is not only legal but a basic pattern for union security which will become increasingly necessary in all industry."

The local has been accused by the Nassau Daily Review-Star in a complaint to the NLRB of refusing to bargain.

Wendell Phillips Said This 75 Years Ago, But It's a Gem Of Advice for Unions Today

If you want power in this country; if you want to make yourselves felt; if you do not want your children to wait long years before they have the bread on the table they ought to have, the leisure in their lives they ought to have, the opportunities in life they ought to have; if you don't want to wait yourselves, write on your banner, so that every political trimmer can read it, so that every politician, no matter how shortsighted he may be, can read it. "We never forget!"

If you launch the arrow of sarcasm at labor, we never forget; if there is a division in Congress, and you throw your vote in the wrong scale, we never forget. You may go down on your knees, and say, "I'm sorry I did the act," and we will say, "It will avail you in heaven, but on this side of the grave never." So that a man, in taking up the labor question will know he is dealing with a hair-trigger pistol, and will say, "I am to be true to justice and to man, otherwise I am a dead duck."—WENDELL PHILLIPS to the International Grand Lodge of the Knights of Saint Crispin, a union of shoemakers, April, 1872.

VITAL CHANGES IN STATE LAW ON INSURANCE

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

SAN FRANCISCO—Several precedent-making decisions have recently been issued by the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board, involving both the unemployment insurance and disability insurance portions of the law.

Disability Insurance Decision No. D-25 held that even though an individual attempted to file a claim for unemployment insurance and was prevented because he was allegedly unable to work, he could not thereafter file a claim for disability insurance unless he were employed during the next immediately preceding three-month period because he would be deemed to have been out of the labor market. The result is to disqualify an individual even though he attempted to comply with the regulation that where he had not been employed during such three-month period he must have had on file a claim for unemployment insurance. Workers should, therefore, insist on filing claims for unemployment insurance in order to preserve their potential rights to future disability benefits.

DISABILITY CHANGES
Disability Insurance Decision No. D-29 held that a first claim for disability insurance must be supported by a certificate of a physician before an individual can establish eligibility to benefits. Accordingly, if the certificate is in any respect insufficient to establish the disability, the individual cannot thereafter introduce any evidence, either lay or medical, to remedy the defect. This is an extremely unfair decision, since in most instances the claimant never sees what the physician writes as the form is forwarded to the physician by the claimant and then sent by the physician directly to the Department. It is the belief of counsel for the Federation that the decision is unsound, and it is hoped that if an additional case is presented on this point, the Federation will be consulted in an attempt properly to raise the issue. In the meantime, however, in order to avoid the evils of the decision, the claimant should insist upon seeing that the certificate signed by the physician is sufficient to sustain the claim of disability.

STRIKERS' BENEFITS
In Benefit Decision No. 4526, involving the so-called Hollywood Strike, the Appeals Board rendered a decision of first impression with respect to the rights of paid pickets receiving unemployment insurance benefits. In essence, the decision holds that if strike benefits are paid uniformly to strikers, regardless of whether they perform any services such as picketing duty or not, they are eligible for unemployment insurance benefits; but if such strike benefits are conditioned

only upon the performance of some service such as picket duty, that no unemployment insurance benefits are then payable.

The Commission has adopted the following definition of strike benefits: "payments made by a labor union, pursuant to union rules and regulations, because of a strike, to its members participating in the strike, to assist them financially during the strike, provided such benefits are not conditioned in fact or in amount upon the rendering of services during the strike." If the payments made meet the test of this definition then, in spite of such payment, the strikers are entitled to unemployment insurance. If they do not meet the test of this definition, they are deemed wages, the receipt of which disqualifies a striker to the extent that the wages received are equal to or in excess of the benefit amount.

As a result of this decision, it is important that striking unions, before paying strike benefits, consider the effect of such payment and be certain to safeguard the rights of their members as far as unemployment insurance benefits are concerned.

New Man, Job



A new face in national and international labor circles is Philip M. Kaiser, who was named first director of the newly created Office of International Labor Affairs in the Labor Dept. Kaiser served as executive assistant to Labor Secretary Schwellenbach for the past year, and previously as economic analyst in the Federal Reserve System and as a Foreign Economic Administration expert.

AND THE POINT IS—



Sec.-Treas. George Meany (left) and Pres. William Green (right) talk over a procedural point with Chairman P. Robinson of the AFL convention's Rules and Orders Committee.

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Were it not for the labor press, the labor movement would not be what it is today, and any man who tries to injure a labor paper is a traitor to the cause.—Samuel Gompers.



BACK TO—WHAT?

One of the sanest analysts of social problems in our day is Scott Nearing, who edits the little monthly *World Events*. You can get it for a year for \$2 by writing to him at 2066 Walnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa. In the September issue he has some plain talk about what is wrong with Britain and Western Europe:

"West European capitalism is destroying itself by stages. Before 1914 it was squandering its income and wealth on empire building, competitive militarism and war. Between 1921 and 1938 its vitality was sapped by inflation, paralyzed by depression and wasted in a new armament race. In 1939 began six years of war, more destructive and exhausting than that of 1914-1918. The entire episode, 1910-1947, may be described as the tragic but inevitable end of an ill-advised experiment in planless and irresponsible individualism, impracticable individualism and unwieldy, multi-party parliamentarism. This debacle, agonizingly painful for so many, is the inescapable fate of a culture pattern built upon the precept: 'Seek first the conveniences and comforts of life, and righteousness, mercy, humility and justice shall be added unto you.'"

Of Britain's dilemma, Nearing writes:

"The Labor Party took over a capitalist-imperialist enterprise gutted by war, loaded with debt, equipped with obsolete machinery and saddled with the heavy overhead costs which are present in every vast, complicated social apparatus. The Labor Party... took over the administration of the bankrupt empire. Thus the economic and political burdens of an outmoded imperial pattern were added to the all-but-intolerable burdens of an insolvent domestic economy. . . . Three centuries of free enterprise, democracy, parliamentary democracy, profiteering, war-making and empire-building had brought Great Britain to the edge of an economic and social abyss. . . . If the restoration of West Europe depends upon British economic and social stability, it is evident that the restorationists are building upon sand. . . . Furthermore, what is true for Britain is more or less true for France and Holland. The French and Dutch, like the British, are pouring new wine into old wine skins. . . . Both countries are living on deficits. . . . Britain, France and Holland, the economic heart of West Europe, are unable to meet current obligations out of current income."

Not a pretty picture, is it? What Americans, who are being asked to foot the bill for the "restoration," should be asking themselves is: "Aren't we throwing our money down a rat hole when we use it to 'restore' the conditions that brought about the colossal mess in the first place?"

THE CLOCK TICKS ON

Time marches on, and the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists reminds us once again that—

"More destructive atomic bombs can now be made cheaply and in large numbers. There is no military defense against them and none is to be expected. Other nations can rediscover our secret processes by themselves. Preparedness against atomic war is futile and, if attempted, will ruin the structure of our social order. If war breaks out, atomic bombs will be used and they will surely destroy our civilization. There is no solution to this problem except international control of atomic energy and, ultimately, the elimination of war."

The greatest peacetime armament race in history is now going on. Disarmament proposals before the United Nations have been ignored as two giants, fearful of each other, stall and jockey for position. People refuse to face the fact that what happened to Nagasaki and Hiroshima can happen overnight to Washington and San Francisco and Leningrad and Moscow. Yet the "statesmen" of the world prefer armaments, conscription and secrecy. Maybe it would be better to blast the world to smithereens and make a fresh start with some new grey matter!

GREEDY WAGE-EARNERS

Bond Geddes, executive vice-president of the Radio Manufacturers Association, told a trade convention in San Francisco that increased labor costs are largely to blame for the high cost of radios at present. He said that the average hourly rate of pay in the radio industry rose from 58.1 cents in 1939 to \$1.15 at present. A man who works 40 hours at \$1.15 makes \$46.00. We wonder if Mr. Geddes has ever tried taking care of a family during the last couple of years on \$46.00 a week?

JOURNALISTIC EPITAPH

One by one, liberal and progressive papers find the going too tough in this era of inflation and fold up. Latest of many casualties is *The Progressive*, national weekly put out for many years by the La Follette of Wisconsin. With liberal voices going off the air and more and more papers with a conscience biting the dust, the prospect of getting political and economic truths to the American people is growing dimmer.

CREEPING COLLECTIVISM

According to the Federal Works Agency, federal and state construction projects are running at a rate of about \$2 billion a year. This does not include projects of cities and counties, which would probably amount to again as much. This publicly-financed work accounts for a huge part of the jobs for building tradesmen. "Free enterprise"?

Proposals For 3rd Party Are Spurned By AFL

SAN FRANCISCO—The AFL went on record at the recent convention here in opposition to a third political party as it voted to set up its own political arm in order to support its friends and defeat its enemies in both established parties in the 1948 elections.

A proposal that the AFL immediately begin building a political party "by and for labor, based upon a program of labor's needs and interests" was defeated by substantial majority after it ran into the strong opposition of federation leaders.

The convention officially approved setting up of Labor's Educational and Political League after the labor party resolution, introduced by H. C. Bollman of the Santa Cruz, Calif., central labor union, was turned down.

BOLLMAN URGES START

The vote came after the 700 delegates, grinding through a night session to clear the docket for early adjournment, heard Bollman and others urge that labor should begin building its own political party, with a program in the interests of labor, farmers, veterans and small businessmen.

Max Federman, delegate from a Canadian fur workers federal labor union, warned the convention it would be making a mistake to ask workers to vote for representatives of parties who have so many times disappointed both workers and farmers.

Charging that both the Republican and Democratic parties are dominated by "capitalistic politicians," he said that only if labor has its own trade unionists in the White House will it be assured against repetitions of the Taft-Hartley law.

WOLL STANDS PAT

Vice-Pres. Matthew Woll of the Intl. Photoengravers Union, however, said that formation of a third political party at this time "would prove extremely detrimental" and advocated instead that the convention continue its previous policy of backing pro-labor members of both established parties.

The new league, which will conduct "educational" activities but will have the primary aim of getting out the labor vote, will be formally organized at a conference in the near future of the presidents of all AFL national and international unions.

It will raise its own funds through voluntary contributions to get around Taft-Hartley act curbs on political expenditures by labor unions.

Capital Crowded With Millionaire, 'Brass' Element

BOSTON—"You can't set foot anywhere in Washington today without stepping on a millionaire or a general," Sen. Claude Pepper (D., Fla.) told newspapermen.

While Pepper's address castigated Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (R., Mich.) and Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.), he said he forgot to include John Foster Dulles, Gov. Thomas Dewey's foreign affairs adviser and a leading policy-maker on the U.S. delegation to the United Nations.

Referring to Dulles, Pepper said: "You can't expect one of the spokesmen for the big corporations to be a spokesman for democracy."

Although the senator referred to the U.S. secretary of state as the "honored and esteemed Gen. George C. Marshall," he added: "But the character of the military class is to use military methods. The crowd now in power in Washington is reactionary and wants to make the flag follow their business."

Stardust Smile



After being crowned Miss Stardust of 1947, Joan Murray of Harrison, N.Y., flashes the smile that sparked her to victory. She won \$500 and a year's modeling contract.

THE MARCH OF LABOR



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EAT LESS, SENATOR TAFT!

Following is the seven-day diet used by Senator Robert A. Taft during the week in which he advised the American people to "eat less meat and eat less extravagantly." A N.Y. Post special correspondent compiled the Taft menus. Here are their highlights:

SEPT. 25—BREAKFAST: Orange juice, scrambled eggs and bacon, toast, coffee.
LUNCH: Tomato boillon, hearts of lettuce salad with Thousand Island dressing, breaded veal cutlets with country gravy, buttered corn, whipped potatoes, hot rolls, peppermint ice cream, coffee.
DINNER: Clear consommé, crab cocktail, avocado and grapefruit salad, olives pickles and celery, roast prime ribs of beef, buttered peas, rissole potatoes, hot rolls, vanilla ice cream, wafers, coffee.

SEPT. 26—BREAKFAST: Scrambled eggs and bacon.
LUNCH: Baked salmon.
DINNER: Roast prime ribs of beef, asparagus.

SEPT. 27—BREAKFAST: Orange juice, bacon and eggs.
LUNCH: Individual chicken pie.
DINNER: Crabmeat cocktail, roast turkey and dressing.

SEPT. 28—BREAKFAST: Casaba melon, ham and eggs.
LUNCH: Fruit, cocktail, pot roast, apple cake.
DINNER: Tenderloin steak.

SEPT. 29—BREAKFAST: Orange juice, scrambled eggs and sausage.
LUNCH: Pot roast.
DINNER: Seafood cocktail, roast beef, shortcake.

SEPT. 30—BREAKFAST: Scrambled eggs and sausage.
LUNCH: Roast turkey.
DINNER: Soup, sirloin steak.

OCT. 1—BREAKFAST: Scrambled eggs and bacon.
LUNCH: Soup, toasted chicken sandwich, pie.
DINNER: Shrimp cocktail, roast beef, baked potato, green peas, vegetable salad, apple pie, cheese.

The Senator and Mrs. Taft's meals for the week cost \$103.20.

RENT CONTROL WEAKENS FAST

The efforts of tenants to hold the line against rent inflation is being deliberately sabotaged by the Truman administration. Housing Expediter Frank R. Creedon's approval of a general five percent increase in rents for the Louisville, Ky., area sets a national precedent for higher rents.

The administration's alibi for this stab in the back is that Creedon had no alternative but to accept the recommendation of the Louisville Rent Advisory Board for the increase. But this alibi is phony and won't stand up if the facts in the case are examined.

To begin with, the Louisville board was set up in violation of the law, which requires that it be composed of "representative citizens of the area." Instead, it was made up of two bankers, two real estate and insurance men and an attorney. Creedon should have rejected their recommendation as obviously biased and based on self interest.

BLAME ON CREEDON

Creedon could also have rejected the recommendation of the board on the ground that it had not complied with his own regulations calling for a "duly announced public hearing." The Louisville board held no hearings and tenants were not able to present evidence proving a rent increase was unwarranted.

Moreover, Creedon is kidding the public when he states with the support of the administration that he had no alternative but to approve the board's recommendation. The law clearly states that a recommendation by a rent advisory board can be "approved or disapproved." A recommendation must be "approximately substantiated" before it is approved.

Creedon thus deliberately misinterpreted the law and his own regulations to push through the 5% rent increase in Louisville. Workers in that city will have to pay higher rents although they were not given the right to defend their interests.

What the Louisville landlords achieved with the willing assistance of the national housing expediter will now become the immediate goal of landlords throughout the country. They will claim that it is unfair to deny them increases when they were granted in Louisville.

ENTER REAL ESTATE LOBBY
This sabotage by the administration was the signal for an all-out drive by the Natl. Assn. of Real Estate Boards for the abolition of national rent control, which is due to expire next Feb. 29. It told its members they must intensify their efforts "to bring about the expiration of controls."

Like the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers, which said that the destruction of price control would bring lower prices, the real estate lobby claims that "the next logical step to complete the wiping out of the housing shortage is rent decontrol."

But without controls rents would skyrocket just as prices have. The shortage of housing is so acute that it would take 10 uninterrupted years of record-breaking construction just to meet the most urgent needs of the people.

The Wily Scot

A man died and left \$100 each to an Englishman, Irishman and a Scotchman, on condition that they each put \$10 in his coffin.

The Englishman dropped in his \$10 and the Irishman did likewise. Then along came the Scotchman, who put in the coffin a check for \$30 and took out the \$20.

"1.8 Cents" Equals \$30,300,000

"How can profits have anything to do with high meat prices when Armour & Co. makes only 1.8 cents profit on a dollar of sale?" Senator Flanders of the Congressional Price Investigating Committee kept repeating during the New York hearings.

A long time ago the Federal Trade Commission exposed the meat packers' "few cents on the dollar" hoax on the public. They said: "The packers make use of the word 'cent,' 'fraction of a cent,' 'only a few cents' . . . in the knowledge that the public regards a 'cent' as a very small element of value. . . . This practice obscures the real facts as to profits. . . . A profit of a cent a unit, far from being a small profit, may be an exorbitant profit." (Armour & Co.'s profit after taxes in 1946 was \$30,300,000—an increase of 350 per cent over 1939.)

Taxes on Union Treasury Aim Of Committee

WASHINGTON — Congressional hearings on proposals to tax labor union treasuries and co-op profits are starting before the House ways and means committee, it was disclosed here.

Not a single labor witness was scheduled to appear, according to a committee official who emphasized that the committee never extends invitations to possible witnesses or interested parties.

This means, he declared, that if union representatives fail to request a hearing it is possible that the new Republican tax legislation can incorporate a levy on union treasuries without labor's viewpoint ever being heard. Co-op representatives have already been scheduled, he said.

A HOT ISSUE

A tax on unions, co-ops and other non-profit organizations could easily prove the hottest potato of a score of proposals—even including a suggested sales tax—that have been offered in one way or another to the Ways & Means Committee, which originates all tax legislation in Congress.

The committee, weighted 15 to 10 with Republicans, is dominated by its Chairman Harold Knutson (R., Minn.) whose "rob-the-needy; aid-the-greedy" tax program was twice vetoed by President Truman this year. Over the violent objections of liberal members of his committee, Knutson named a special 10-man tax advisory committee, composed of "outside tax experts," to whip up another GOP tax program. The "experts" will vote this week on various proposals and have their report ready for Knutson by November.

ASKS MORE EXEMPTION

Whatever type of legislation is recommended by the "experts," it is expected that it will be far from the lines desired by labor—lighter levies on lower income brackets and higher exemptions together with heavier taxes on larger incomes and corporation profits.

Only one assurance came last week that an attempt would be made during the next session to equalize the tax burden. Rep. Albert J. Engel (R., Mich.) announced he would introduce legislation allowing a \$2000 exemption to any household living on an income under \$3000 to \$5000. Engel fought unsuccessfully last spring to jump the exemption to \$2000 for married couples and from \$500 to \$1000 for single persons.

"My idea," said Engel, "is that we should not be taking away the bread and butter of folks who have little incomes. What I have in mind are old couples on pensions and young men and women just starting their homes."

Discrimination

When Europe pleads Her pressing needs
To earn U.S. relief—
All nations beg dollar loan or
all will come to grief—
But few appear
To have the ear
Of Wall St. Banking cliques
But the Germans
And the Japanese,
The Italians
And the Greeks.

There used to be
Such unity
In English-speaking states
That democratic sentiments
brought lower interest rates;
Our dear Ally,
(We know not why)
Now far more kindly speaks
To the Germans
And the Japanese
The Italians
And the Greeks.

She calls a halt
When we default
On dollar payments due,
She cancels our priority and makes
us join the queue
An also-ran
For the Marshall Plan
She holds us up for weeks—
NOT the Germans
Or the Japanese,
The Italians
And the Greeks.

Another act
Like the Lease-Lend Pact
Would save us from collapse
If Britons were Bavarians, or else
MacArthur's Japs—
For who have won
From Washington
The aid that Britain seeks?
The Germans
And the Japanese,
The Italians
And the Greeks.

Our dollar aid
Will not be paid
Till Congress votes the sums—
While we like hungry sparrows
cheep for charitable crumbs—
The crumbs don't fall
Alike on all
But fill the gaping beaks
Of the Germans
And the Japanese,
The Italians
And the Greeks.
—SAGITTARIUS in New States-
man and Nation, London.

TORIES INJURE EFFECTIVENESS OF LABOR DEPT.

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

SAN FRANCISCO—One of the achievements of the recent Congress was the near liquidation of the U. S. Department of Labor. The full effect of this action is now being felt by branches of management as well as labor.

Out of the original seven headquarters in San Francisco which served the far west, two regional offices and a regional attorney's office remain, with reduced staffs. The refusal of Congress to accept the President's Reorganization Bill No. 2 keeps the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions as a bureau separate from the Department. The Secretary of Labor appoints the Administrator but has no further connection with these divisions. Even at that, another state was added to the divisions' regional office, offices in its area were closed, and field men are either operating out of their own homes or renting desk space from which to make their numerous inspections.

The U.S. Employment Service goes back automatically to the Federal Security Agency. The U.S.E.S., which had 3000 employees on the West Coast during the war, has now been reduced to six employees, three professional and three clerical. Their job is to direct, audit and enforce spending of federal monies in five western states.

DEPT. LIQUIDATED

The Child Labor and Youth Employment Branch in San Francisco has been liquidated for lack of appropriations. Two consultants and a stenographer directed this work for the Far West.

The Information Division, which channeled all department information to eight western states, prepared far western releases on regional levels, assisted in information on the International Labor Organization and kept educational, commercial and labor institutions informed, also went by the board. Only one professional and one clerical person handled this work.

The U.S. Conciliation Service is now a separate bureau under the title of Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

To emphasize the havoc wrought by recent Congressional action, we recapitulate:

The agencies which have been liquidated are the Child Labor and Youth Employment Branch, the Information Division, the U.S. Conciliation Service and the U.S.E.S. have been transferred as well as curtailed. The agency maintaining status quo outside the department is the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions. The West Coast Department of Labor Statistics, which, prior to appropriation cuts, had 70 employees in five western states handling all manner of labor statistics and services, and which now has 25 employees with the region expanded to eleven Western states.

APPRENTICE STATUS
The Apprentice Training Service, which does double duty in directing aid to returning veterans seeking trades, skills and professions, as well as giving a hidden subsidy in additional pay to the apprentices—thus making it a fair-haired boy among employers—has remained substantially unaffected by the appropriation cuts.

This is the picture of what has happened to the Department of Labor as a result of action taken by the same Congress which enacted the Taft-Hartley "Slave" Act. It is pertinent at this time to refresh

the memories of the unions, since in the next election the record of this Congress must be kept in mind as the best recommendation for a needed change in the composition of Congress, if labor is to have its interests protected.

LABOR URGED TO BACK UP DI GIORGIO FARM STRIKE

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

SAN FRANCISCO—The arrogant position against unionism which is being taken by the Di Giorgio Corporation has been made evident in its disdainful refusal to meet jointly with federal and state mediation agencies. This information was released by Hank Hasiwar, Western Representative of the National Farm Labor Union; Joe Hickman, president, Local 87, Teamsters Union, and Wallace Henderson, international vice-president of the Winery Workers Union.

All efforts to adjust the present strike called by the National Farm Labor Union have been vehemently resisted by the Di Giorgio Corporation, whose actions can be interpreted only as a deliberate snub of federal and state government authorities. In spite of the fact that reactionary-minded employers support the provisions of the Taft-Hartley law, this employer is apparently unwilling to go so far as to adhere to those provisions which obligate an employer, as well as a union, to participate fully and promptly in conciliation and mediation meetings called by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

The functions of the State Mediation Service to intervene constructively on the request of one party to a dispute have been seriously impaired by the deliberate violation of fair play committed by the Di Giorgio Corporation in refusing to take part in any meetings called by this agency to explore the possibilities of reaching an understanding. By showing such defiance and complete disregard of all efforts to mediate the dispute, the Di Giorgio Corporation indicts itself as responsible for the present strike.

The field and shed workers of this corporation have resorted to strike action only because their request for the same rights that are now enjoyed by millions of other American citizens was denied. The California State Federation of Labor calls upon its affiliates to give their fullest cooperation to these striking field and shed workers whose representative, Hank Hasiwar, can be reached at 253 Holland Building, Fresno.

Legal Department

A baker was in court charged with selling cheesecake which had no cheese in it. "But your Honor," he pleaded, "marble cake is sold with no marble in it, and angel cake with no angel in it." The case was dismissed.—GAGE DIGEST.

SOME BUILDING BUSINESS



Pres. Richard J. Gray and Sec. Treas. Herbert Rivers of the AFL Building Trades Dept. discuss current problems during a lull in sessions of the AFL convention.

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MINUTES

Bldg. Trades Council

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ray Isakson at 8 p.m., October 16, 1947. Roll call showed 20 delegates from seven local unions present. Minutes of previous meeting October 2, 1947, read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS
A letter from State Federation of Labor requesting a representative be sent to Fresno November 8, read and motion made and carried no representative be sent.

The minutes of the Santa Clara County Building Trades Council noted and filed.

A weekly Newsletter noted. The minutes of the Monterey Central Labor Council read and filed.

A notice of the expiration of our subscription to the Peninsula Builders. A motion was made and carried we renew our subscription for one year.

All bills were read and ordered paid.

BUSINESS AGENT'S REPORT

Bro. Rial reported Neilson the Plumber has continued to work for Pachetti, who is on our "We Do Not Patronize" list. He has notified Local 62 of this condition. Three large Butler type-buildings are being erected in Seaside by the Iron Workers. Reports quite a few jobs going at this time. More metal workers needed. Moved, seconded and carried the business agent's report be accepted.

REPORTS OF UNIONS

Bricklayers L.U. 16: No report.

Carpenters L.U. 1233: Good meeting. Two new members.

Electrical Workers L.U. 1072: Good meeting; six apprentices advanced to journeymen.

Laborers L.U. 690: Regular meeting.

Lathers L.U. 122: No report.

Painters L.U. 272: Good meeting.

Plasterers L.U. 337: No report.

Roofers L.U. 50: No meeting.

Sheet Metal Workers L.U. 304: Good meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Eros, Casati and Marcure were renominated to the Board of Trustees. Motion made, seconded and carried the nominations be closed.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Motion made, seconded and carried we ask various employers to meet with the Executive Board Wednesday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. Financial secretary's report read and approved.

There being no further business to transact the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY FOSTER, Sec. Sec.

"We Do Not Patronize" list: Arthur Morris, builder; Frugoli & Son, concrete contractor; Pachetti, Seaside builder; McCoy, Seaside, concrete blocks.

Demand the quarterly working card. Refuse to work with any mechanic not carrying this card.

Monterey Lumber Industry

A meeting was held on October 23 with the lumber industry representatives in Monterey. When you read this column, a new contract may have been consummated as the result of such meetings.

OVER THE ROAD DRIVERS

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Wages, hours and conditions affecting shop men of Rapid Harvest, covering members of Local 890 of Salinas and Local 898 of Imperial Valley have been negotiated and a new contract consummated. Under the new agreement these workers will receive wage increases of approximately 15 cents per hour.

An agreement has been negotiated with the Dempsey-Hudson Co. which is identical with the present cannery agreement. When you read this, the plant will be in full operation, employing members in accordance with last year's seniority lists.

SPIEGEL FOODS

This plant has resumed operations, employing approximately 150 of our members. Wages, hours and conditions are the same as during past season, which ended early in August. If in doubt, check with the office.



SENIORITY

We ask all of our members to check into their seniority standing. The provisions of our agreements regarding seniority will be followed fully. Please be governed accordingly.

BAKERY DIVISION

This division held a meeting on October 22 at the union offices, at which time new proposals were drafted in accordance with the provisions of contracts in the San Francisco Bay area. Watch this column for further information in regard to negotiations in this division and for dates of membership meetings.

PROCESSED MILK DRIVERS

The unions affiliated and covered by the processed milk agreement met in Portland on October 22, including representatives of drivers of the Pet, Sego, Meyenberg and Borden companies. Drivers for these firms will be called to a meeting shortly to draft proposals for their 1948 contract. Watch this column for meeting date.

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Calif. Will Get 7 Congressmen More in 3 Years

WASHINGTON—The far-reaching importance of 1948 state legislative elections was underscored here when a survey made by Chairman Edward H. Rees (R., Kan.) of the House Civil Service Committee showed population changes since 1940 will cause 18 states to reapportion their congressional seats in 1950.

In almost every case, legislatures which will do the reapportioning job are to be chosen in 1948, along with the 81st Congress and a President. Traditionally, reapportioning is done on lines to give advantage to the party dominating the state legislature.

Rees' survey based on latest Census Bureau figures shows what would happen if population remains the same until the 1950 reapportionment. Of the 14 seats in the House to be gained by eight states, nine of those seats would go to the Pacific Coast states. California would gain seven, with one each for Oregon and Washington. Michigan would gain two seats, and Florida, Maryland and Indiana would get one each.

Population losses would cost New York three House seats, Pennsylvania two, and one each from Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Tennessee.

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New Bulletin From Labor Department Aids Negotiations

WASHINGTON.—Guidance for union negotiators working on clauses covering discharges, discipline and job quitting is offered in the Labor Dept. Bulletin #686, which has recently revised its chapter on those topics.

The 40-page booklet offers sample clauses from contracts now in effect in various industries covering causes for firing, notice and explanation due the fired worker, protest, appeal and reinstatement procedure and discipline.

Copies are available at Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Labor Dept., Washington 25, D. C.

Nationalized Radio Favored by Japanese

TOKYO.—The All-Japan Press & Radio Workers Union is drawing up a plan for nationalizing the broadcasting network. Tadao Kunitada, chairman of the union committee working on the plan, explained: "The union is opposed to free private enterprise in the broadcasting industry because big business is sure to gain a monopoly."

Cubans Strike Over Dismissal Of Labor Heads

HAVANA.—Factories, offices and schools closed down here as the Cuban Confederation of Labor (CTC) called a general strike to protest the government's arbitrary dismissal of elected CTC leaders. In their place the government named its own followers, some of them culled from a minority opposition movement within the labor federation. The government ordered the arrest of CTC Gen. Sec. Lazaro Pena and 125 other labor leaders on an undefined charge of "a crime against the stability of the republic."

Treasury Department Pays Gallatin Tribute

WASHINGTON.—The Treasury honored its fourth secretary as officials unveiled a bronze statue of Albert Gallatin before the main Treasury entrance. Born in Switzerland, Gallatin was Pres. Thomas Jefferson's right-hand man on money matters, and vigorously opposed the reactionary social and financial views of Alexander Hamilton in the early days of the U. S. government.

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The negotiations which have been in progress for nearly two weeks between the Bartenders and Culinary Workers and the owner of the Union Hall have finally been concluded. The hall lease will be renewed for a three-year period when the present lease expires October 1, 1948, and the first year of the new lease will be rent free in exchange for the installation of the fire escape and other improvements ordered by the state fire marshal in order to keep the building open for use as a meeting hall.

Many of the terms of the new lease are not very favorable from our standpoint, but the best possible bargain was made by your Secretary, in the face of large rent increases demanded by the owner of the property. After having gone through this business of negotiating for a new lease, it is the considered opinion of your Secretary that the Labor Union of the Monterey Peninsula should, through their Central Labor Council, get down to business and work out a program for one Labor Temple to be erected by the unions themselves, with suitable office and meeting space for all who wish to participate.

At any rate, I shall bring up such a suggestion to the Central Labor Council for discussion in the near future.

The advance sale of tickets for the benefit of the Welfare Fund has been gratifying. Stay on the job, and let's really raise some money for the benefit of our sick and disabled members. We never know who will be needing assistance next... it may be you!

The Monterey Hospital reports, as of Thursday afternoon, that the condition of Frank Bergez and of Juanita Daniels, Local 483 members who have been seriously ill for several weeks, is still considered critical. If any friends plan a visit to the hospital, please telephone first to find out if the patients are being allowed visitors.

The next meeting of Local 483 will be held on Monday, November 3rd at 2:30 p.m. Remember, this will be an AFTERNOON meeting, which is a changeover from the old policy of having the first Monday meeting at night. And... refreshments will be served to all at the conclusion of the business session. Let's have a good turnout for this meeting, and a real get-together when the session is over. The organizational campaign has suffered during the past couple of weeks, due mainly to the amount of time the lease negotiations has consumed. So—it would be greatly

HO, HUM! UNCLE SAM'S AFTER THE BAD MONOPOLIES

WASHINGTON—One of the most humorous announcements out of Tom Clark's Justice Dept. was the statement recently that the anti-trust division has been checking up on interlocking directorships in the big business world. Its purpose, Clark said, was "to secure compliance with Sec. 8 of the Clayton Act, which makes unlawful the holding of directorships by the same person in two or more competing corporations." If one of the firms is a million dollar outfit or bigger.

Investigating 10,000 corporations, the anti-trust sleuths found 60 violating this section of the law. Brought into court? Why, no! These directors, Clark said, "were informed of the government's views and invited to discuss the matter with representatives of the anti-trust division." Twenty have responded like gentlemen, it was announced, having "agreed to resign" from boards of competing firms.

Clark stated: "The cooperation of businessmen in the effort of the department to enforce Sec. 8 of the Clayton Act has been most encouraging. This augurs well for the future compliance with this important provision in our anti-trust laws."

But a few meanies, it appears, "disagreed with our view of the law." The government, therefore, will have to sue them in federal court.

Retail Prices Just Go Up, Up, Up, Up!

WASHINGTON—Retail prices for the average family in American cities rose another 1 per cent during the July 15 to August 15 period, a preliminary report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics said. The July mark had been an all-time high point.

Dairy products, meat and eggs caused the monthly rise of almost 2 per cent in food prices, BLS said, leaving the consumers price index 11 per cent higher than a year ago and 62 per cent over the immediate prewar level.

BLS also said wholesale prices as of October 11 were 25.4 per cent higher than one year ago.

Filipinos Protesting American Cigar Flood

MANILA—The Philippine Cigar Workers Union has protested that the local market is being flooded by American surplus cigars. The workers are getting only about 100 cigars daily to finish because of the imports. Their wages, the union says, are not enough to keep body and soul together.

INTL. LABOR PRESS CONVENTION



The 36th annual banquet of the Intl. Labor Press of America (AFL) took place in San Francisco's St. Francis Hotel. Sitting (left to right) are Pres. George Harrison of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, ILPA Pres. Matthew Woll, ILPA 1st Vice-Pres. Frank Powers, ILPA 2nd Vice-Pres. Frank X. Martel. Standing are ILPA Sec.-Treas. Lewis Hermann, ILPA 4th Vice-Pres. Ruth Taylor, Pres. Max Zaritsky of the United Hatters, Cap & Millinery Workers, AFL Organization Director Frank Fenton.

DENHAM HATCHET MEN AGAIN RULE AGAINST UNIONS

By JACK ABBOTT

Robert N. Denham, NLRB general counsel under the Taft-Hartley law, recently issued a memorandum which puts still another obstacle in the path of unions which want to use the National Labor Relations Board.

In an order issued to NLRB regional offices, Denham instructed his hatchet men to dismiss within 72 hours all new union complaint cases which were not supported by "probative and affirmative evidence to make a prima facie case."

In laymen's language this means that all cases in which the union doesn't furnish within 72 hours sworn statements of witnesses to prove its claims will be dismissed. This means that unions which use the board will have to hire lawyers and investigators to prepare all cases before they are filed.

Replying to union charges that the new rule is unfair, Denham said that his edict was designed to "speed up the handling of cases." Denham's office later said the new rule would apply to employers as well as to unions.

The field division of the NLRB, which under the old Wagner Act investigated and prepared union cases against employers, will apparently spend most of its time preparing employer cases against unions.

JUSTICE LONG DELAYED

A group of California dry cleaners formed an association. Many of the members signed union contracts with Local 36, Intl. Assn. of Cleaning & Dye House Workers (AFL). When Jaffe & Jones, a member of the employers' association which did not have a contract with the union, was organized and refused to recognize the union, the local struck that one shop. Immediately thereafter all other members of the association having union contracts tore them up and locked out their employees. A few days later they reopened with non-union help.

The union got an injunction against the union-busting employers which ordered them to discharge the strikebreakers and reinstate the strikers. The employers appealed and asked that the reinstatement be postponed until after all litigation of the injunction had been completed, a process

LEFTIST GROUPS IN ROME GET A BARE MAJORITY

ROME—The People's Bloc, a coalition of the Communist and Socialist parties, won the top vote in Rome's recent municipal elections, with the Christian Democrats, Catholic government party, a close second.

The People's Bloc won 208,566 popular votes, or 33.4 per cent of the total, while the Christian Democrats scored 204,247 popular votes for a percentage of 32.8. The new municipal council will have 80 seats with the bulk of them divided among the two leading contestants.

The municipal elections, were forecast by most observers as a test of America's success in its acknowledged drive to bolster Italy's Christian Democratic government against left-wing opposition.

Compared to last year's vote, the left-wing gained a little ground, increasing its total vote by about 10 per cent. The right-wing vote, which last year was split among a number of parties, the strongest of which was the Common Man Front, this year swung almost solidly to the Christian Democrats.

The Common Man Front won only 63,472 votes, while a right-wing split-off from the Socialist Party received only 24,967 votes. The total number of voters was over 623,000.

Joint Labor Summer Camp Draws Praise Of Park Department

MUSKEGON, Mich.—The highly successful AFL-CIO summer day camp at Muskegon State Park will be repeated on an improved scale next summer, the joint labor committee announces. So pleased was the Michigan State Department of Parks that it told the committee: "We hope to use your plan to persuade other areas to go into the same thing."

The children were taken to and from the big park on the Lake Michigan sand dunes by bus each day of their vacation period under the plan. Funds were subscribed by the AFL and CIO unions and sympathetic members of the general public.

which may take several years. The California district court of appeals recently ruled that the employers could continue to employ the strikebreakers until the final appeal had been heard.

Telegraphers Ask Industry Be Socialized

LOS ANGELES—Nationalization of the telegraph industry was proposed here by Western Union telegraph operators at a convention of their unit of the Commercial Telegraphers Union (AFL).

Government ownership is necessary, a resolution said, to overcome Western Union's "destructive and ruinous policy" of shutting down offices, cutting hours and shifting workers around without regard for seniority or service.

His Position

A man who had been arrested on suspicion was appearing before the magistrate.

"What were you doing when the policeman came?" asked the judge.

"Waiting, sir," replied the prisoner.

"What were you waiting for?"

"For money."

"Who was to give you money?"

"The man I had been waiting for."

"What did he owe it to you for?"

"For waiting."

"Enough of this tomfoolery," snapped the magistrate, who by now was very angry. "What do you do for a living?"

"I'm a waiter, sir," replied the innocent man.

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